

REMARKS

In the subject Office action of 09-March-2005, claims 1-7 were examined. In response thereto, Applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6 and 7 and added claims 8-21. Claim 5 remains under active prosecution in the present application. Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are supported by the original disclosure and do not introduce new matter. Moreover, Applicants further respectfully assert that the amendments merely clarify the scope of the claims.

In the subject Office Action dated March 9, 2005, several informalities were noted. Specifically, it was requested that the specification and claims be rechecked and corrected for spelling. Those items found are addressed in the amendments above. Specific informalities were noted for claims 4, 6 and 7 for the terminology of “care” and “planform”. The latter term has been corrected to “car”. With regard to the latter term “planform”, Applicants respectfully assert that the term “planform”, while not perhaps commonly used, is understood to mean “the shape or form of an object, such as an airfoil, as seen from above, as in a plan view.” DICTIONARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS FOR AEROSPACE USE, <http://roland.lerc.nasa.gov/~dgllover/dictionary/content.html>. Applicants have amended the specification and claims to use the term “plan view” to clarify the intended meaning, which corresponds to the Drawings.

Turning to independent claim 1, the claim as amended recites a method that includes displaying on the graphical hall call device assigned destinations for each elevator car on that floor. A user’s desired destination is received as a sequentially-entered, single numeric digit keypad entry. Then, a destination confirmation event is generated on the graphical hall call device in response to receiving a desired destination input from the user to give confirmation feedback to the user.

Turning to the substantive rejections of the claims, in the subject Office action, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyagi (JP 04169484 A) and Friedli et al (6062346). The Examiner relied upon Miyagi to teach a “display device ... which displays destinations for each elevator” and upon Friedli to teach accentuating an input with “associated symbols / written characters to provide destination for users unfamiliar with

the building layout as well as alerting a registered call with an indicator. Further the displays are adjusted at each floor to remove unnecessary keys to improve efficiency.”

However, Applicants assert that the cited references fail to teach or to suggest an interactive graphical feedback on an elevator hall call device for inputting a desired destination upon a sequentially-entered, single numeric digit keypad, which presents problems associated with a large number of destination floors being numerically if not physically possible. Consequently, the cited references fail to teach or disclose the claimed invention, nor to provide a motivation to modify the cited references, to render the invention of claim 1 unpatentable. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested, as well as for claims 2-11 that depend therefrom.

Applicants have added claims 12-20 that correspond to an apparatus claim corresponding to the method claims of 1-4 and 6-10. Applicants have also added a new apparatus claim 21 that is an assembly that includes the subassembly of claim 11.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims currently pending in the present application are in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of those claims, as amended herein, is earnestly solicited. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact their representative, David Franklin at (513) 651-6856 or dfranklin@fbtlaw.com.

A check in the amount of \$500 is enclosed, \$450 for the two month extension and \$50 for the additional claim. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

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